



INLAND EMPIRE

Falkner Winery

Falkner Winery has begun a \$3 million expansion that includes additional banquet and reception facilities and wine storage. The 10,000 square-foot building will augment the winery's wedding and private/corporate event capabilities, provide a restaurant for lunch service, and permit storage for Falkner's 7,500 case productions. Construction is expected to be completed in summer 2006. The new facility will provide a unique indoor venue with great panoramic views and a Mediterranean ambiance with a vineyard feel. The winery also added a bar to its tasting room to better accommodate weekend and holiday crowds. Contact: Falkner Winery, (951) 676-8231, info@falknerwinery.com, www.falknerwinery.com.

New Reservation System for Big Bear Visitors

Big Bear Lake Resort Association (BBLRA) has launched a more convenient way for guests to book lodging reservations and activities with InntopiaCRS. The new system makes it quicker and easier for both agents and guests to dynamically build vacation and weekend getaway packages. Guests who inquire about Big Bear reservations can now receive E-mail quotes, and in turn, the guests are able to complete their reservations via E-mail. Other benefits include automatic E-mail confirmations, photos are provided for each unit listed online and a date picker is now on the Web site's front page, which enables guests to search by property type or date. Visitors can book reservations online at www.bigbear.com or by calling 800-4-BIG-BEAR (800-424-4232). Contact: Big Bear Lake Resort Association, 800-4-BIG-BEAR, www.bigbear.com.

Old Town Temecula Community Theater

Old Town Temecula's new \$11 million, 21,000 square-foot theater complex will delight family audiences with a variety of music and theater productions. Professional touring companies and local community theater groups will bring a variety of cultural events to the region. The theater seats 357 people and features a computerized, state-of-the-art lighting and digital sound system. In addition to the auditorium are rehearsal rooms, a dance studio, and a room for set design and construction. There is an outdoor courtyard with benches and tables. The theater also incorporates the Mercantile Building, a recently renovated brick building that has been a fixture on Main Street since 1890. It serves as the theater's main entrance, and houses an art gallery featuring local talent, and an intimate performance space that accommodates up to 50 guests. The theater's dedicated staff, expert technical crew, and state-of-the-art digital lighting and sound systems ensure that every performance, from professional artists to local recitals, shines brightly. The Old Town Temecula Community Theater is located at 42051 Main Street in Temecula. Contact: Old Town Temecula Community Theater, (866) OLD-TOWN (653-8696) or (951) 308-6377, info@temeculatheater.org, www.temeculatheater.org.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa

Located in the heart of Temecula Wine Country, South Coast Winery Resort & Spa is constructing a sanctuary where healing hands guide the body, mind, and spirit toward well-being. Offering 12 elegantly appointed treatment rooms, The Spa at South Coast Winery boasts a diverse menu of services including signature Grape Seed treatments using South Coast Winery's own grapes. The spa includes men's and women's steam rooms, saunas, garden whirlpools, outdoor heated pool with underwater music, state-of-the-art fitness center and a movement studio offering a variety of classes. The new Vineyard Rose Restaurant is now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, offering an array of selections from a European menu with a Midwest twist. Contact: South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, info@wineresort.com, (951) 587-9463, www.wineresort.com.

Temecula Children's Museum

Temecula Children's Museum is home to Professor Phineas T. Pennypickle, Ph.D—scientist, time traveler, and inventor of wacky contraptions that amaze, delight, (and educate!) children and adults. With its recent opening, Pennypickle's experiments and mechanical inventions fill every room of his 7,500 square-foot Imagination Workshop, which has become a storehouse for tinkering and theoretical thinking. Pulleys, gears, cables, notes and blueprints are everywhere. There are secret passageways, puzzles, machines and gizmos. Somewhere in all of this madness is the Professor himself...although he is very shy and probably won't be seen. Visitors can be assured he is in his workshop, puttering around and inspiring a whole new generation of inventors. Located in Old Town Temecula, the Imagination Workshop has already won a THEA award from the Themed Entertainment Association, representing creators of compelling places and experiences, and two awards from the California Park and Recreation Society. Contact: Temecula Children's Museum, (951) 308-6370, www.cityoftemecula.org/IW.